

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Continuation Application of:)
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)
SECURE TRANSACTION)
MANAGEMENT AND ELECTRONIC)
RIGHTS PROTECTION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-90 and add new claims 91-139 as follows:

91. A method for performing the following steps within a virtual distribution
environment located at a first site, comprising one or more electronic appliances
and a first secure container, the first secure container containing first protected
information and having associated a first control set, the method comprising:

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